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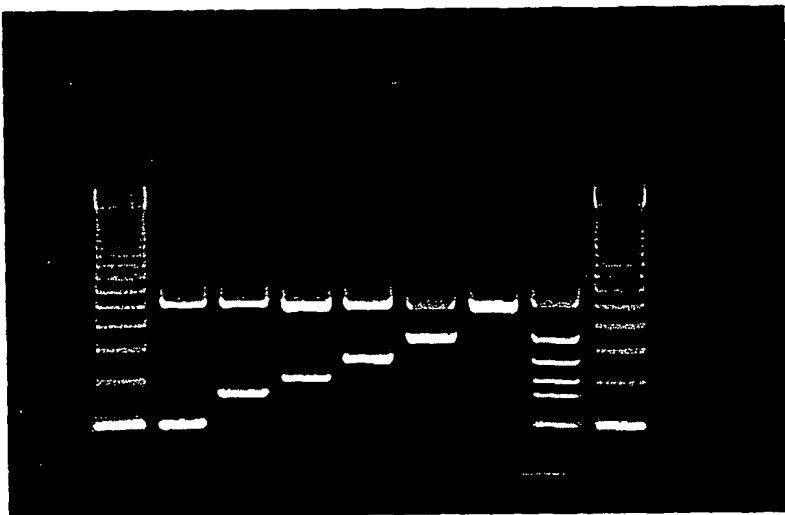
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(54) Title: **ONE-STEP MULTIPLEX PCR FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF CAMPYLOBACTER SPECIES**



(57) Abstract: Described herein are a plurality of primers which may be used in a multiplex PCR assay in a fast, accurate, reliable and specific fashion for detecting the presence of specific *Campylobacter* strains within a sample. These kits can be used on bacterial isolates and has the potential for use directly on foods and environmental samples.

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Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

2. claims: 1-3 (all partially)

Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

3. claims: 1-3 (all partially)

Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

4. claims: 1-3 (all partially)

Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:8, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

5. claims: 1-3 (all partially)

Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:9 or SEQ ID NO:10, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

6. claims: 1-3 (all partially)

Primer pair consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:11 or SEQ ID NO:12, detection method using said primer pair and kit comprising said primer pair.

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